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Office of the City Administrator Carmen Chu, City Administrator David Serrano Sewell, Executive Director Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

April 11, 2024

Subject: Report on 2023 Accidental Overdose Deaths

The enclosed report provides data of accidental overdose deaths in the City and County of San Francisco from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The number of accidental overdose deaths in 2023 was 810.

The number of accidental overdose deaths involving Xylazine and Bromazolam in 2023 was 36 and 42, respectively.

The reports are published by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Forensic Laboratory Division, to comply with local and state reporting guidelines and further OCME's mission to provide neutral data to inform policymakers. These reports are not intended to replace other death statistics within the City that rely on finalized death certificates.

Pertinent for accurate use of these reports is understanding the source of the data and its subsequent summarization process. Decedent demographic and case information were obtained from the OCME case management system. Additionally, specific details from investigator narratives, forensic toxicology results, and where available, preliminary autopsy findings, were utilized. Collected demographic information included race, gender, age, fixed address status, and locations of residence and death.

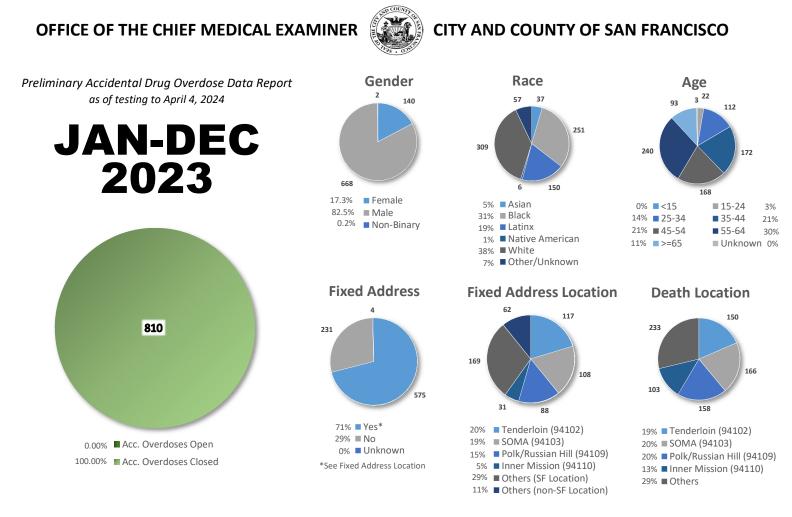
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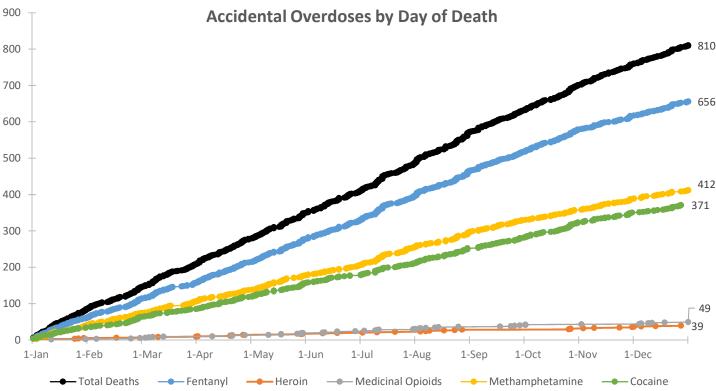
Sincerely.

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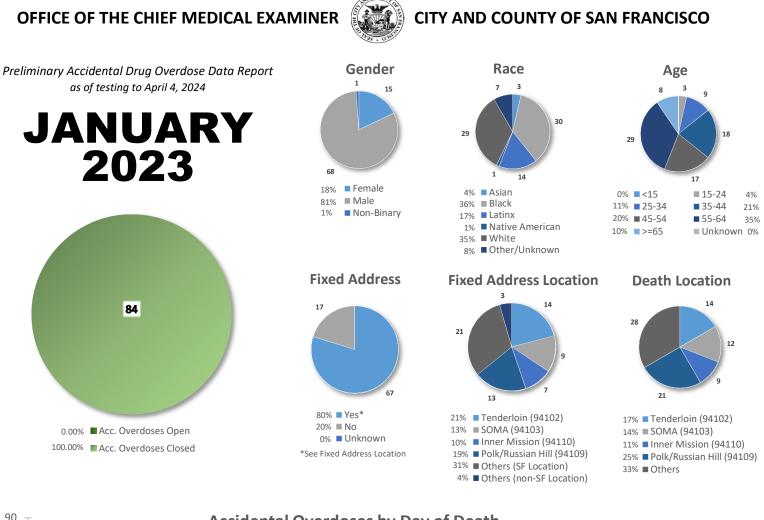
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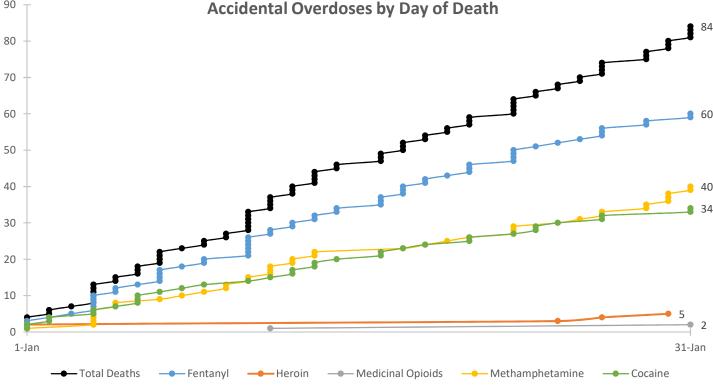
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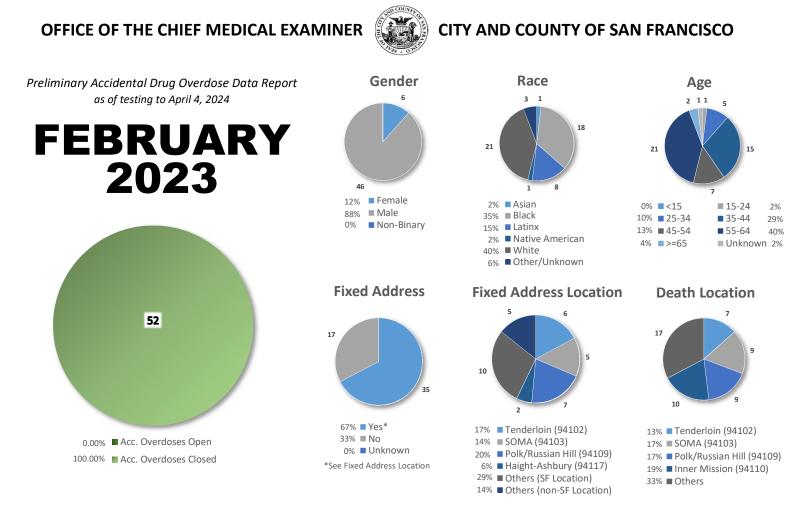
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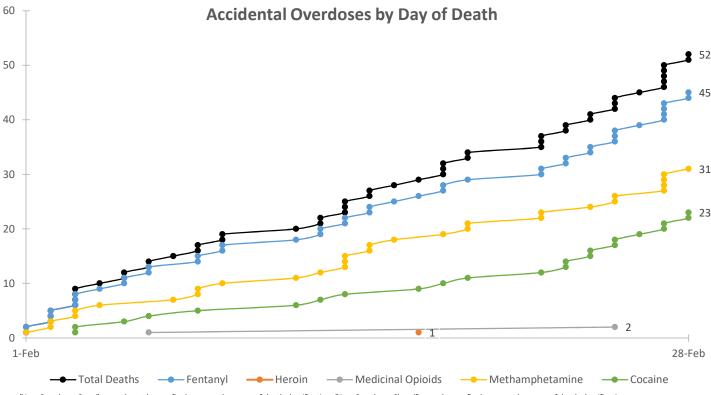
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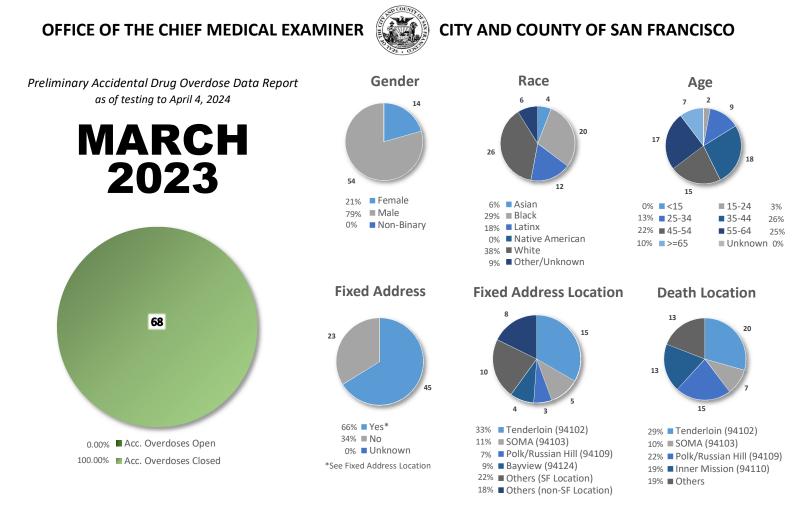
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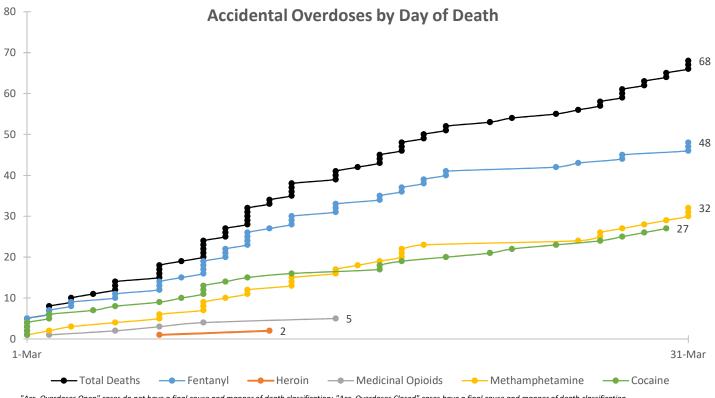
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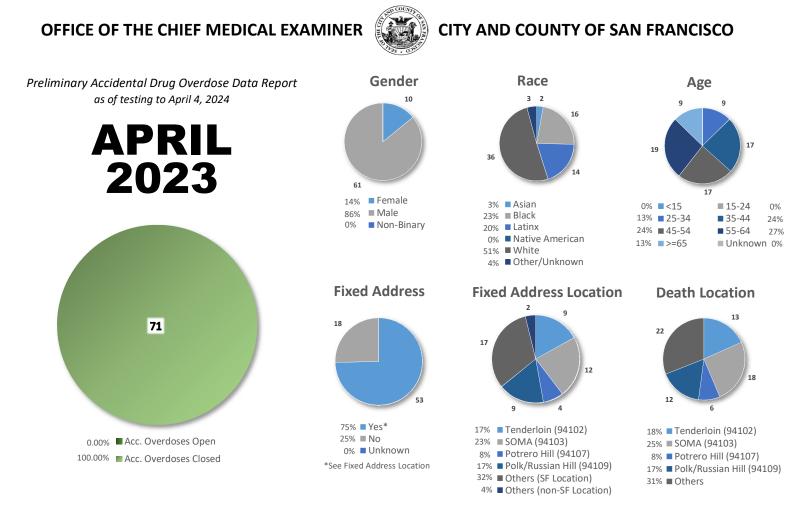
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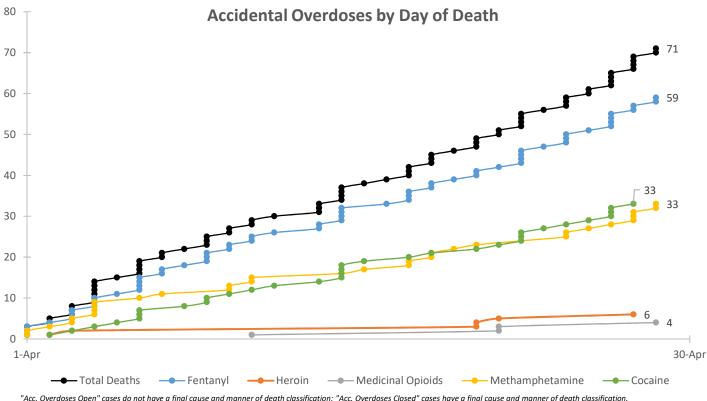
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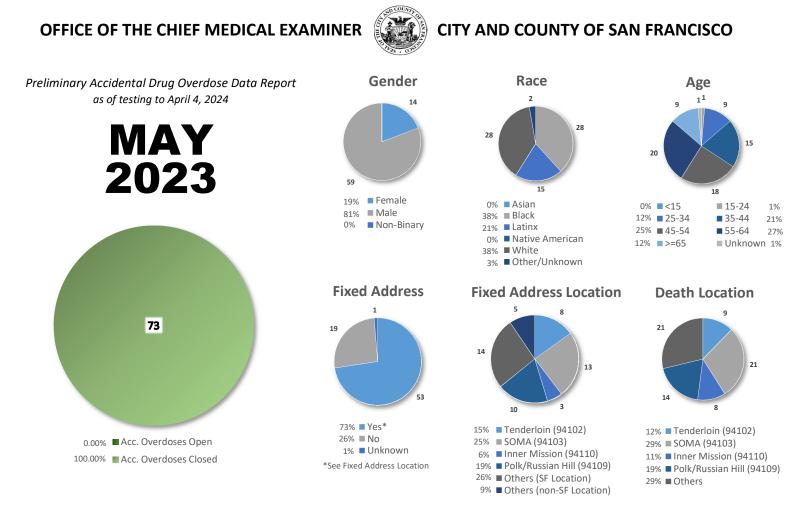
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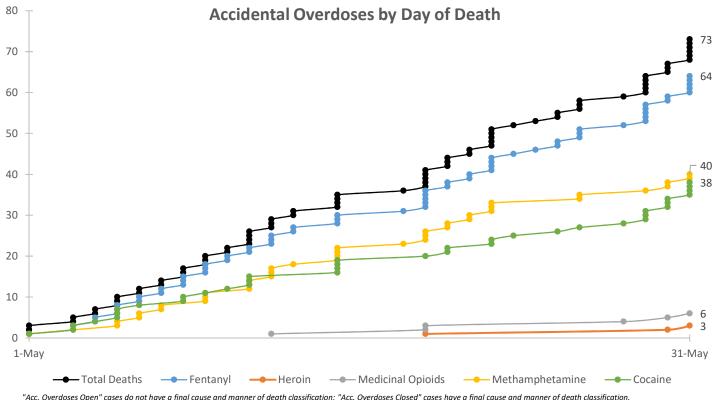
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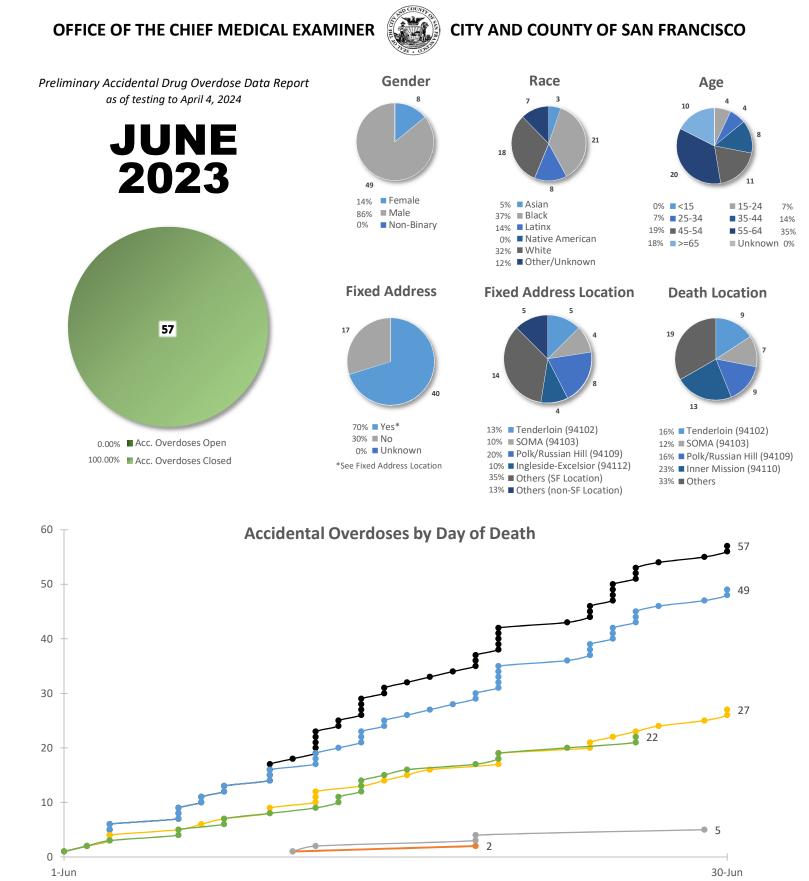
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---- Total Deaths ---- Fentanyl ---- Heroin --- Medicinal Opioids --- Methamphetamine --- Cocaine

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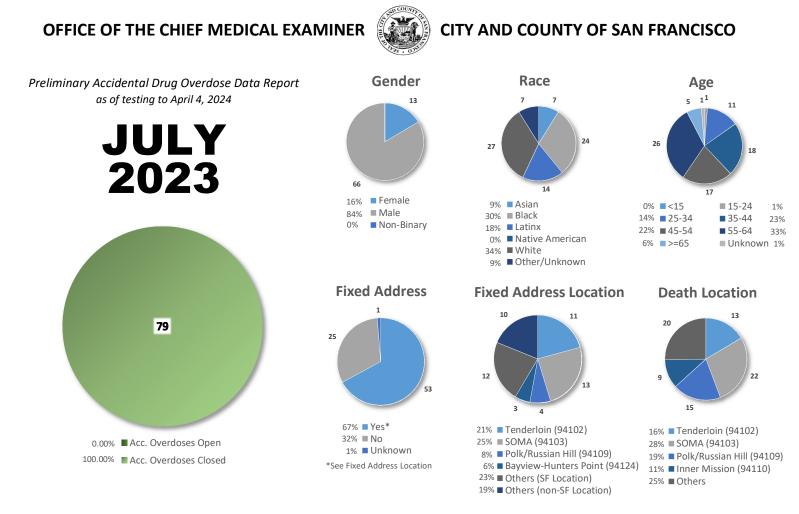
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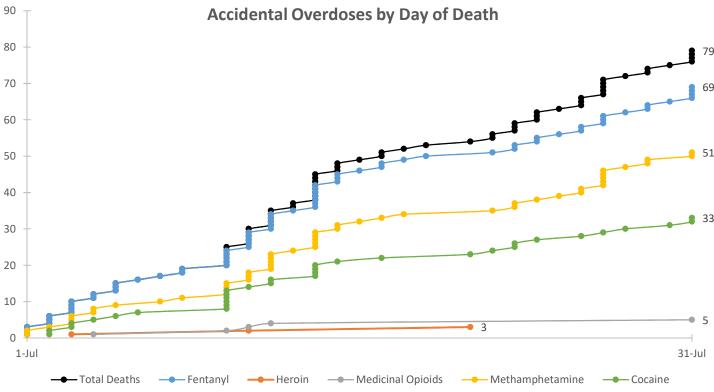
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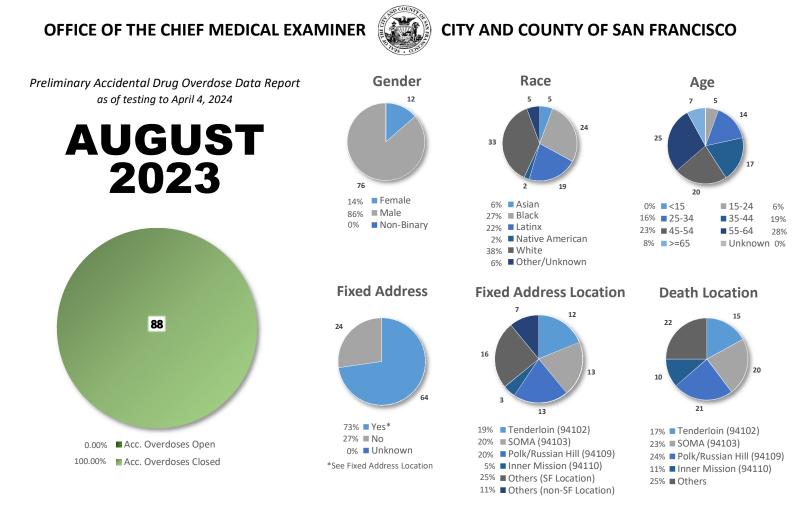
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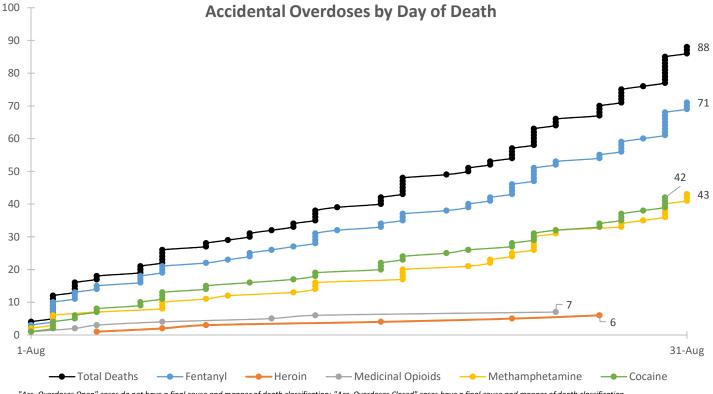
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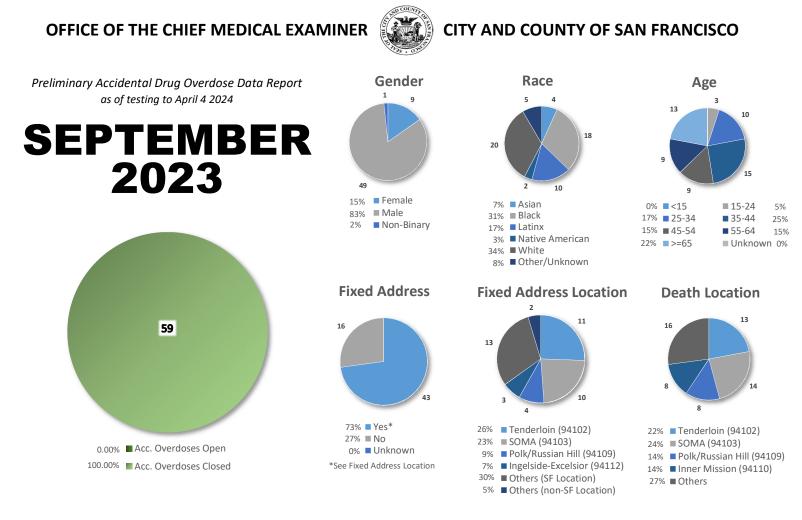
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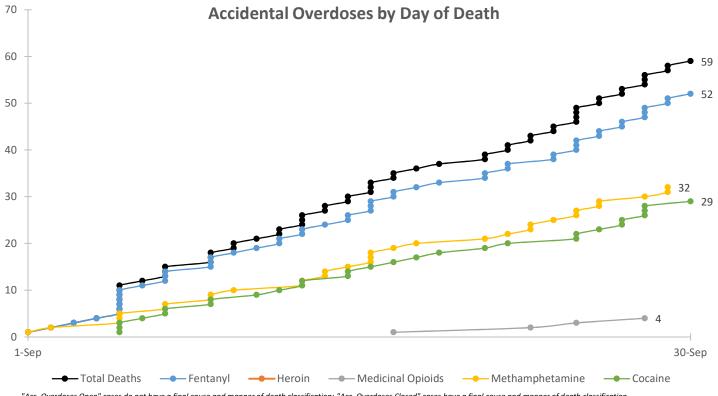
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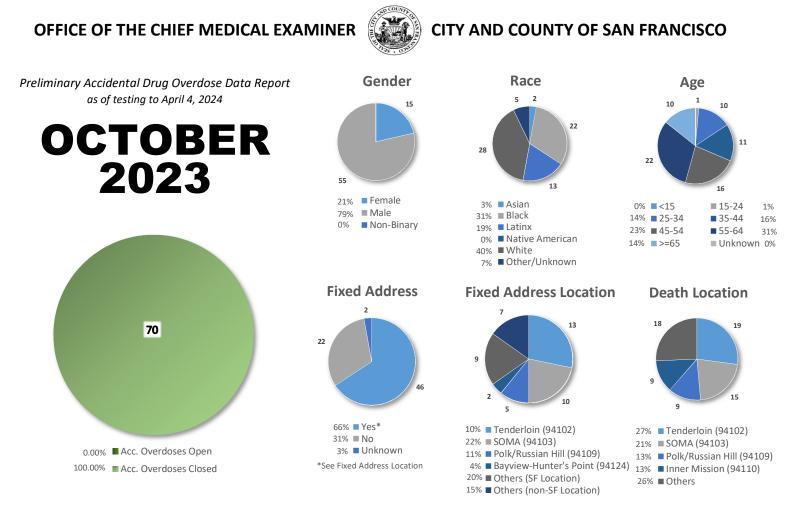
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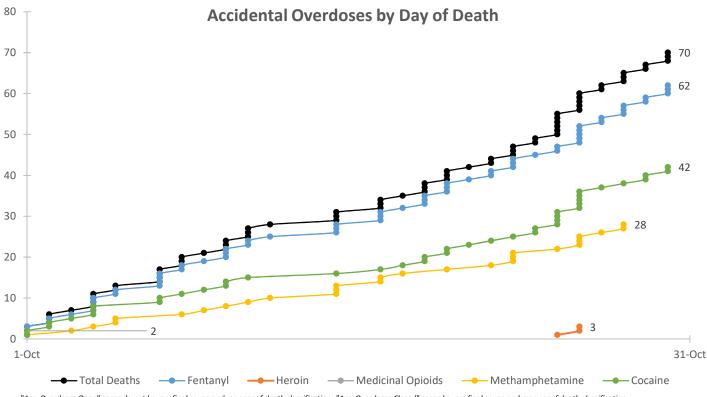
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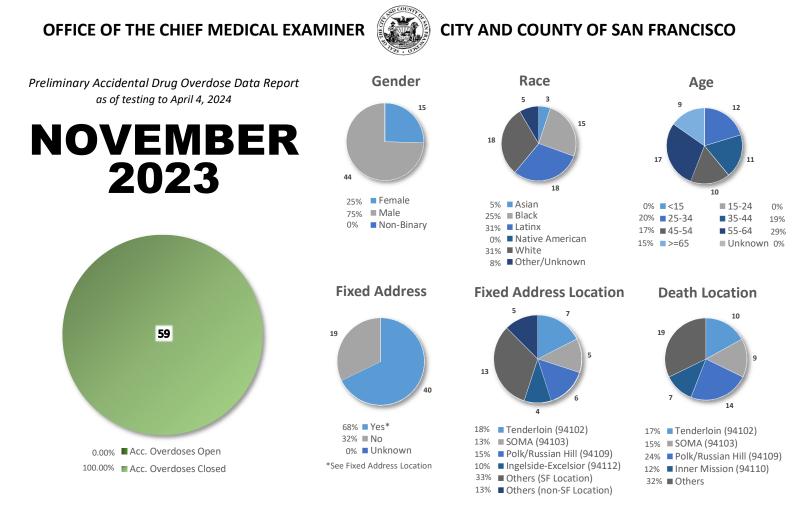
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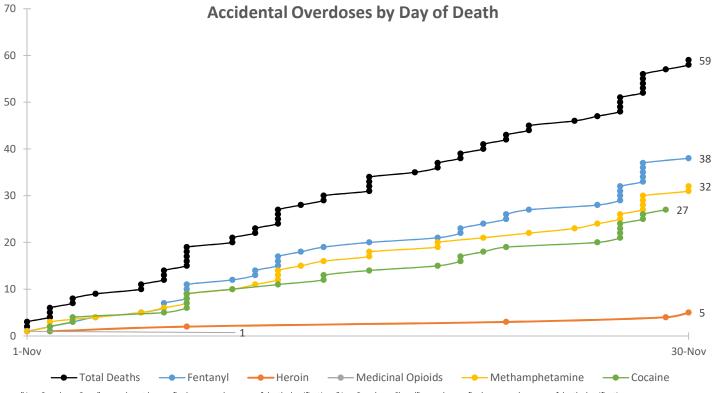
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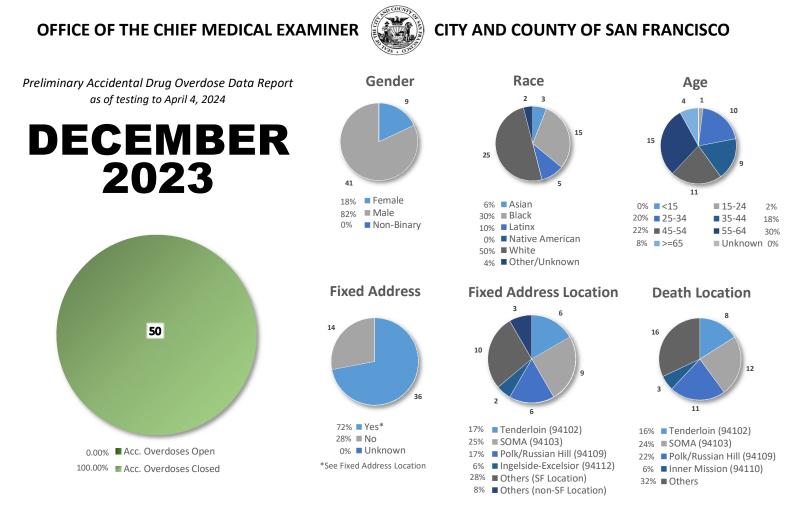
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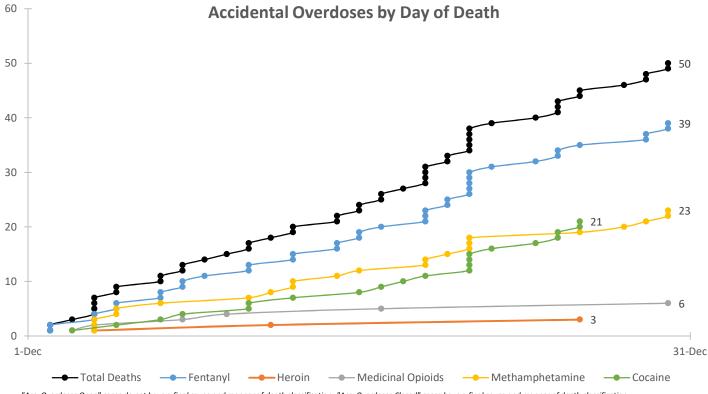
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